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A Penny for your Thoughts

"What's your New Year's resolution?" That was the question the HERALD's inquisitive photographer asked several persons shopping downtown this week. Their answers and pictures appear below.

Doyleen Faupel, 25608 1/2 Oak St., Lomita, housewife:

"My resolution for 1959 will be to stick to my diet. Every year I attempt to make some resolutions, but I never quite live up to them. I think they are a good idea. They give me a goal to work toward."

Beulah Belew, 1036 W. 212th St., housewife:

"On the frivolous side, I have resolved to pay bills promptly and to stay well. I usually manage to keep some of my resolutions."

Don Gray, 2128 236th St., brush dealer:

"I made just one resolution: not to argue with my girl friend—she is bigger than me. I will keep this resolution: I always do."

George Bruggeman, 20430 N. Hampshire Ave., operator:

"I hadn't given it much thought. I usually make them, but never keep them. I guess I'll resolve never to drive over 50 miles per hour in 1959. This is one I really will keep."

Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt, 2313 230th St., secretary:

"I've resolved to budget oney this coming year. I'm going to plan my spending and saving in advance. Usually I try hard to stick with my resolutions."

Mrs. Ruth Barney, 25107 Andree Ave., Lomita, accounting clerk:

"I've been so involved in Christmas I haven't thought about it yet. I usually make one or two. And I'll make one before the year is out—just as soon as I have time to sit down and think about it."

My Neighbors



"Oh, just barely enough to pay my taxes... why?"



HAPPY NEW YEAR . . . Three-year-old Chucky, in the role of 1959, shows how he will blast old 1958 off the television screen New Year's Eve. Well, if he isn't up at midnight Wednesday mother and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pernu, 22038 Ladeen Ave., will have to do the celebrating for him. (Herald Photo)

BY THE STATE

Arlington-174th Signal Approved

Installation of traffic signals at Arlington Ave. and 174th St. has been approved by the State Division of Highways, and a formal participation agreement is now being prepared, the city was informed this week by L. R. Gillis, district engineer.

In a letter to City Manager George W. Stevens, Gillis said the study had been completed on 174th St. between Yukon Ave. and Western Ave., and it indicated that installation of the Arlington signal and conversion of the Crenshaw and Western Ave. signals to three-phase operations "are advisable."

The city has sought the Arlington signal for the past two

years after the accident rate at the intersection took a sharp climb with the improvement of 174th St. One fatality was recorded there this fall, and a number of injury accidents have been recorded there, police report.

The matter will come before the council formally in the near future for an agreement on financing the project.

SERMON THEME

The secret of a happy new year will be the theme of the Sunday morning worship service at the Calvary Baptist Church, in Manhattan Beach, according to Rev. H. Earl Kuster, pastor. A mortgage burning ceremony has been slated for 7:30 p.m. Sunday.



ELECTED . . . Henry Weaver, truck driver for the Torrance schools, has been named president of the Torrance chapter of the California School Employees Assn., a group composed of non-teaching employees of the Torrance Unified School District.

Food Clerk Strike Would Hit All

When an airline goes on strike, passengers switch to another airline, take a train or bus, drive their own cars — or stay home and communicate by telephone. It has happened here twice recently. The public was inconvenienced, true, but its welfare was not threatened.

When delivery service for newspapers is cut off, as has happened in New York, people miss their newspaper, but there is still radio and TV for bulletins of importance.

When auto workers go on strike, new cars aren't delivered, so people drive their old ones.

THESE ARE ALL serious situations, affecting the local and/or national economy. But those most seriously affected are the strikers. If the strike is prolonged, it may take them months or even years to make up for the wages they lost, whatever benefits they may gain.

But what happens if food clerks strike? That is a question the Los Angeles area faces. Should

Retail Clerks Union 770 and its neighboring affiliates go out on strike Dec. 31, as has been threatened, it would not be an ordinary strike situation.

Approximately 85 per cent of the estimated 36,000 clerks in this area would be immediately involved. That could mean only 15 per cent of the normal market service would continue.

AND, WITHIN a very short time, that could mean virtually no food at retail for most of the families in this area.

Some families may be able to afford restaurants for every meal for every day for a certain length of time, despite the inconvenience, but most families could not. And the restaurants couldn't handle the crowds, even if price were no object to householders.

But there is no substitute for food.

The urban kitchen is not equipped to fend for itself. Despite the size of the freezer or the amount of well-stocked cupboard shelves, most could not go for more than a few days

without needing to buy food. But this situation is a very close possibility here.

What are the facts?

AS SPOKESMAN for the Retail Food Clerks Unions, executive secretary Joseph T. DeSilva says the clerks will go on strike unless their demand for a package increase of 80 cents an hour is met. Besides wage increase, the demand includes a program for dental care, a program of psychiatric care, and pension plans already in existence. Cost of the new benefits, as well as those already existing, would be paid entirely by market owners. DeSilva says the new costs can easily come out of their "excess profits."

Robert K. Fox, president of the Food Employers Council, whose members employ 85 per cent of the personnel involved in this dispute, says that the demands are totally impractical in view of the fact that the average market profit is one cent of the sales dollar, and cannot accommodate the demands.

ROBBERS FACING MURDER CHARGE

Shotgun Blast Slays Barber

Three youths being held in the shotgun robbery of Los Angeles barber here Sunday will be charged with murder, Torrance Detective Ralph Walker said yesterday.

The victim of the robbery, Aaron W. Johnson, 40, of 1609 W. 107th St., died at Harbor General Hospital Christmas morning of gunshot wounds suffered during the robbery attempt at 182nd and Western Ave.

Formal charges will be filed against the trio Monday, Walker said.

HELD IN County Jail on suspicion of attempted robbery and assault with intent to commit murder are Edward T. Benivadez, 18, and Gabriel Barraras, 18, both of Los Angeles. A 16-year-old companion is being held in Juvenile Hall.

Johnson succumbed to wounds suffered when one of the trio fired a 410-gauge shotgun at his chest at point-blank range during the robbery Sunday. Benivadez has reportedly admitted to police that he fired the shot.

The murder weapon was last found at a home of a friend of Benivadez's.

THE VICTIM and a nephew, Dale M. Allsop, 25, of 18435 St. Andrews Place, were walking on 182nd St., when the trio attempted to rob them, police were told.

When Johnson took a step toward the assailants, he was shot in the chest.

The robbers were forced to flee on foot a short distance from the scene of the shooting when their car became stalled. They were traced through the car's registration.

Red Tape Cut For Would-Be USAF Cadets

Delays which formerly faced United States aviation cadet pilot and navigator applicants have been considerably reduced, according to Lt. Col. James T. Molley, Southern California USAF recruiting commander, whose headquarters are located at 207 W. Pico Blvd., L.A.

"It is now possible for an applicant to be on his way to cadet training within three months after passing mental and physical tests," Colonel Holley said, "with both high school graduates and college men between 19 and 26 1/2 years of age now eligible to benefit by the short-cut."

"This has been brought about to help the individual as well as to alleviate a critical situation of the Air Force not having enough highly-qualified aviation cadet applicants to meet current training requirements," the Colonel added.

Applicant are advised to take their birth certificates, high school diplomas together with transcripts of any college credits to the USAF Recruiting Office at room 207, Post Office Building, San Pedro, where an Air Force Flying Officer is available for counsel.

PRESENT SALARY of clerks in this area is \$92 a week for a 40-hour week, as compared to \$88 for a beginning elementary school teacher, \$90 for a registered hospital nurse, \$86 for a skilled typist, \$88.40 for an aircraft plant assembly worker. Sunday pay is \$36.80 for an 8-hour day, \$55.20 for a holiday.

The demanded increase would amount to a 35 per cent raise in pay, although the national average increase is about 4 per cent.

NEGOTIATIONS so far have ended in stalemate, and the Dec. 31 strike deadline is quite definite. Fox says DeSilva refuses to enter discussion on any of the clauses contained in the union's 61-page proposal for negotiations.

The matters at stake may be highly technical, even to those most involved. But should settlement not arrive by Dec. 31, there would be nothing technical about the difficulty for the average homemaker of simply being able to feed her family.

The manager told deputies that he had been talking to the



PAUL D. LORANGER
... Rites Scheduled Tuesday

Funeral Set for Tuesday

An apparent heart seizure claimed the life of Paul D. Loranger, of 1448 Post Ave., Friday afternoon. He was one of the city's most popular businessmen and civic leaders.

Mr. Loranger, who had been ill for several weeks, collapsed into the arms of his wife, Helen, and died almost immediately.

An auto dealer here since 1947, when he opened Paul's Chevrolet at 1640 Cabrillo Ave., Mr. Loranger has been one of the community's most active leaders. He had served as president of the Kiwanis Club, was president of the Chamber of Commerce for two terms, and was a recipient of the Laughon-Whyte Memorial trophy as the city's "Man of the Year" in 1954.

FUNERAL services will be held at the Stone & Myers Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Rev. Walter A. Stanton, pastor of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, will officiate at final rites, and interment will be in Green Hills Memorial Park.

He leaves his widow, Helen, who has been active in the women's organizations of the city; a daughter, Alicia; a sister, Mrs. Maynard Foote of Flint, Mich., and another sister, Mrs. Gabrielle Foote of Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Foote arrived here yesterday, and Mrs. Rief is expected prior to Tuesday's services.

Mrs. Loranger's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Sevald, of Royal Oak, Mich., also are expected to arrive in Torrance tomorrow.

MR. LORANGER was born in Flint, Mich., and at an early age moved with his parents to Louisiana. He attended the Gulf Coast Military Academy there, and later attended the University of Wisconsin and Tulane University.

He joined General Motors in Flint in 1923 as a mechanic in the experimental engineering department of the firm's Buick Division.

Three years later, he transferred to the Chevrolet Division, then gaining prominence in the motor world, and became a Chevrolet service promotion representative in the New England states.

HE HELD various positions with the Chevrolet Division during the next 15 years, including assignments in Pittsburgh, Detroit, New York, and Kansas City.

During World War II, he was head of General Motor's replacement parts supply program for the government, and later was head of the market analysis section of the company's Detroit headquarters.

He left that position to open his own agency here in 1947, starting out with a tin shed and expanding it to become one of the most modern and progressive dealerships in the Southland.

Mr. Loranger was a past president of the L.F.D., an auto dealers' association, and often

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Two-Hour Parking Suggested

A request that two-hour meters be installed in downtown Torrance will come before the city council Tuesday.

Chamber President Fred W. Mill requested the action of the council, saying the traffic and parking committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Retail Merchants Division, and the Chamber board of directors has approved the suggestion.

Cost of converting the meters to two-hour parking would be about \$3 a meter, Mill reported.

Harbor Man To Miss Date Before Judge

Twenty-year-old Philip Fernandez of Wilmington was due in Torrance Municipal Court Jan. 5 for preliminary hearings on a grand theft charge. He will not be able to keep the date.

Sheriff's investigators reported that young Fernandez apparently died at his home Christmas day after taking an overdose of narcotics.

The man's father, Felipe, had to break in the locked door when Philip failed to emerge from the bathroom. A hypodermic kit and four capsules which apparently contained heroin were found on the bathroom floor by the body, officers said.

Bandit Takes \$2000 In Station Robbery

A young bandit who shopped for tires after buying \$2 worth of gas got away with nearly \$2000 in a gunpoint holdup in Lomita Friday afternoon.

Sheriff's deputies reported that the gunman threatened Manager Arvy Moreland at a service station at 1752 Pacific Coast Hwy., and forced him and an attendant, Mrs. Jane Bell, to surrender cash kept in a storeroom of the self-service station.

The manager told deputies that he had been talking to the

robber about tires, and was asked to cash a check for the purchase. When Moreland asked for identification, the robber displayed a small revolver.

The bandit scooped up the money into a cigarette carton and warned Moreland and Mrs. Bell to remain in the storeroom until he had gone.

The victims described the bandit as being in his late twenties, heavy, blond with blue eyes, and wearing work clothes and a knit cap.